

NEW DISCOVERY

The list of countries which have used Perfins on their stamps continues to grow.

Vojtech Maxa (#933) reports discovery of a Perfin on a stamp from Rouad Island, a small island in the Mediterranean Sea off the Syrian coast, which was mandated by France during World War I. The Scott catalog lists 16 French stamps overprinted ILE ROUAD.

Maxa reports that his Perfin, a C.N. (illustrated here), appears on the 25¢ French Levant overprinted 1 pi (Scott #11). The Perfin probably was used by the Comptoir National Bank.



The addition of Rouad Island to the original listing published in 1973 in the Perfins Bulletin pushes the total number of Perfins countries to 217. The 1973 listing carried 215 countries and the Faroe Islands was added to that total earlier this year.

The Rouad Island Perfin also should be added to the catalog of the Perfins of the Middle East published recently by Dr. Harvey Tilles.